

DELEGATE BAMBERGER: I thought I just did.

DELEGATE L. TAYLOR: First, I would say I have worked as a case worker for the Department of Public Welfare for a number of years, and we used to certify patients to mental hospitals, and according to my recommendation we only certified, well, we certified alcoholics, maybe over a thousand people in a year.

I am trying to find out if you are saying that under the language of the Committee's proposal their term covered the mental illness of people who are denied the right to vote?

This only covers a small amount of people compared to the number of people who are in mental hospitals.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Bamberger.

DELEGATE BAMBERGER: No, I am not saying that. I am saying only that we are suggesting that the constitution will say that people who are mentally ill and found so by a certain process shall not vote, but that neither the legislature nor anybody else should have the power to take the right to vote away from people who are just as mentally ill and incompetent.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are you ready for the question?

*(Call for the question.)*

The question arises on the adoption of Amendment No. 20. A vote Aye is a vote in favor of the amendment. A vote No is a vote against.

Cast your votes.

Has every delegate voted? Does any delegate desire to change his vote?

*(There was no response.)*

The Clerk will record the vote.

There being 76 votes in the affirmative, 42 in the negative, the motion is carried and the amendment is adopted.

I would like to go back to the consideration of Amendment Nos. 15 and 16 which were passed. Amendment Nos. 15 and 16 were passed over at the morning session.

Delegate Raley, does the Chair understand that you now wish to withdraw your Amendment No. 15?

DELEGATE RALEY: Mr. Chairman, we are going to want to withdraw that amendment. Over the lunch hour we worked

with the Chairman of the Local Government Committee, and others, to work out the language, and we have all agreed upon a new amendment. It will be submitted by Delegate Hanson.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Macdonald, do you also withdraw Amendment No. 16 which was passed over?

DELEGATE MACDONALD: I wish to have it passed over in preference to the amendment about to be introduced by Delegate Hanson.

THE CHAIRMAN: Very well.

Will the pages please distribute Amendment BA?

Delegate Macdonald, I am not sure I understood your last statement. You did withdraw Amendment No. 16 so that the other amendment could be submitted?

DELEGATE MACDONALD: I did not, Mr. Chairman. I wish to have it passed over and we could come back to it if the —

THE CHAIRMAN: If the other amendment is not adopted, you want to press your Amendment No. 16.

DELEGATE MACDONALD: Exactly.

THE CHAIRMAN: Very well. Amendment BA will be No. 21.

While we are waiting for that to be distributed, the Chair cannot refrain from announcing that it is greatly touched by the solicitude for the condition of the throat of the Chair. I have now received a package of cough drops from the press corps.

The Clerk will read the amendment.

READING CLERK: Amendment No. 21 to Committee Recommendation S&E-2 by Delegates Hanson, Raley, E. J. Clarke, Macdonald, Scanlan, Gallagher and Moser:

On page 3, section 7, General Elections, strike out all of lines 19 through 27, inclusive, and insert in lieu thereof the following words:

"A general election shall be held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November in 1970 and every fourth year thereafter at which time state officials shall be elected, except that judges may be elected in any even-numbered year. Unless otherwise provided by public general law or by instrument of government, elections of county officials shall be held at the same time as the election for state officials. Elections for officials serving on a staggered term basis may be held every two years."